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ATTACHMENT TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXAMINER

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 1/22/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Sequence Rules are not fully complied with as required. For example, in the response filed 1/22/01, in Figure 6, second sequence down from the top, the sequence is incorrectly identified as SEQ ID NO:17. (Other sequences in the application appear to be incorrectly identified too.) This is incorrect because the different sequence at page 45, line 11 is also identified as SEQ ID NO:17. The last paper sequence listing, filed 5/19/00, sets forth the latter sequence as SEQ ID NO:17, not the former sequence. It appears that the applicant added sequence identifiers to the figures without taking into consideration the added sequences and renumbering the other sequences set forth in the application accordingly. Also, the applicant failed to file a new CRF and a new paper sequence listing (and appropriate statement) containing the added sequences. The applicant failed to fully comply with the Sequence Rules and thus the response to the last communication is not fully responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE**

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(1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1636 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone numbers for the Group are (703) 308-4242 and (703) 305-3014.

NOTE: If Applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

Any inquiry concerning missing attachments or other minor formalities of this communication should be directed to the patent analyst, Zeta Adams, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3291.

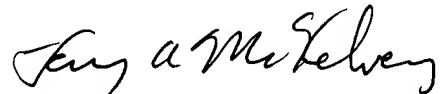
Any inquiry concerning rejections or other major issues in this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terry A. McKelvey whose telephone number is

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(703) 305-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, except for Wednesdays, from about 7:30 AM to about 6:00 PM. A phone message left at this number will be responded to as soon as possible (i.e., shortly after the examiner returns to his office).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Richard Schwartz, can be reached on (703) 308-1133.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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